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	EXPOSURE	)	

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## **RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 11, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

## Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.